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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Perks For Peers?

REFORM in the House of Lords is almost a hardy annual in the British Parliamentary garden, and current speculation about the appointment of 70 or more life peers receiving salaries on a similar basis to those granted to Members of Parliament is in the tradition of the House.

It is held that this move would be a change. The payment of Lords for their duties in the Upper Chamber would certainly be a precedent - it would be something new, and anything new in an old house requires careful consideration lest it clash with the old, or supersede it altogether. The suggestion is not to be feared on these grounds alone, however, for the style of modern furniture and decoration often look their best in ancient castles and cottages remodeled by their modern owners.

To run the analogy of furniture - perhaps a little further - than the noble Lords of the Upper House might feel complimentary; the success or otherwise of new furniture in an old building depends entirely on the taste and circumspection of the person who installs it. It may well be so also in Westminster.

To criticise the proposal in detail, one must first decide on the final purpose of the Upper House. It is held by some to be a "bad" house on the grounds that its members form an almost solid Conservative block - a whole house in opposition, if the Commons should again be won by the Labour Party or a Labour-Liberal coalition. This does not seem, however, to be an all important criticism of the House of Lords as it stands, for its function has long ceased to be one of keen political importance. The Upper House is rather a debating chamber where some of the best informed opinions of the land are ventilated upon any measure taken by and passed through the more partisan chamber below them. For its proper functioning, it is important the Lords include the widest possible field of experts available - men of influence, integrity and a wide variety of interests. Any move to broaden the range of opinion that can be shed upon the political moves of the Government is to be welcomed.

CRITICISM of the Archbishop of Canterbury for ventilating opinions too freely from his seat in the Upper House, shows a misunderstanding of that House and its functions. The purpose and use of the House is in direct proportion to the variety and effect of the opinions ventilated in it. Similar criticism that trade union leaders should be difficult to sit in the House of Lords, or are misfits there, misunderstands both the function of Trade Union leaders, and also that of the Upper House.

In short, the world has tried many experiments in Upper Houses in Government. So far none has been so successful or useful as the Upper House at Westminster. It has been successful because, like the British monarchy, it has adapted and changed to changing times. Its ability to innovate has been its strength. We should not be afraid of changes now. Neither should Englishmen forget that the Mother of Parliaments has reason to be proud of the most effective Upper House in the world, as well as (perhaps) a model lower one.

SOVIET ENVOY'S HOUSE BURNT

Ottawa, Nov. 12. Demonstrators armed with Molotov cocktails attempted today to set fire to the Ottawa residence of the Soviet Ambassador, Dmitri Gromov.

The garage and one wall of the building were damaged by the fire, which was quickly brought under control by the Russian and Canadian firemen.

TRUCE INSPECTORS IN EGYPT

UN POLICEMEN DUE TODAY

SWISS PLANES TO BEGIN BIG AIRLIFT FROM ITALY

London, Nov. 12.

The first United Nations truce observers arrived in Egypt today in advance of a UN international force mobilising in Italy. The police force will move into the Suez Canal zone tomorrow.

Five UN observers, headed by US Col. Newton Nelson, flew into Cairo. Five others drove from Jerusalem to Port Said, the occupied northern terminus of the Suez Canal zone where Anglo-French and Egyptian troops were maintaining a precarious truce.

RUSSIAN PLOT EXPOSED

Jerusalem, Nov. 12.

Political sources said today Russia had promised Syria to intervene with Soviet "volunteer" troops if hostilities broke out on the Syrian-Jordan-Israeli borders.

The guarantee of intervention was given in a pact signed in Moscow between the Syria President Shukri Kuwaty and the Soviet Union.

Arabic guerrilla activity in the past four months is an attempt to provoke Israel into counter-attack on Syria and Lebanon, the sources said.

They said the Russian-Syrian agreement is aimed both against Israel and at eliminating the Western powers entirely from the Middle East.

Russia plans a Soviet-controlled Arab Federation, which would include Egypt, and would try to wreck the Baghdad defence pact, the sources claimed.

This would be achieved by overthrowing the regime of Iraqi Premier Nuri El-Said which has been considerably weakened in recent weeks, the sources said.

Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan and Britain are members of the Baghdad pact.—United Press.

Six Army Mutineers Gaoled

London, Nov. 12.

Six RASC men, found guilty of mutiny at a Nicosia court-martial, received the following sentences:

Corporal Keith Grant, reduced to the ranks and one year's detention;

Corporal Peter Davis, reduced to the ranks and eight months' detention;

Corporal Dennis Neaves, reduced to the ranks and seven months' detention;

Lance-Corporal Trevor Riley, nine months' detention, Lance-Corporal Brian Tooley, six months' detention, and Private Arthur Satchwell, four months' detention.

All six men are RASC reservists released because of the Suez crisis. They were employed at a field records headquarters in Cyprus.

Private Douglas Francis, an Army Catering Corps reservist was sentenced to 14 days' detention on the alternative charge of disobeying a superior officer.—Reuter.

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SCATTERED FIGHTING IN ALGERIA

Mollet Offers To Contact Rebel Leaders

Algiers, Nov. 12.
The last 24 hours in Algeria were marked by a number of scattered terrorist attacks by Algerian rebels and the continued operations of French troops against rebel units in the countryside.

A bomb, believed to have been hidden in a suitcase, exploded today in an Algiers bus, injuring seven persons. Another bomb exploded in a department store in the Algiers suburb of Maison-Carree, wounding several persons.

French forces clashed with a rebel unit six miles from Fort National in the Algiers region, killing several rebels at Tizi Ouzou.

An infantry patrol captured five rebel terrorists.

In the Constantine region French forces ambushed a rebel unit some eight miles from Comde-Smendou, killing several rebels.

In the same region, two rebels were killed and medical supplies destined for rebel wounded were seized in a joint operation by a unit of French colonial infantry and a self-defence unit of the local population.

Rebel terrorists shot and killed a European this morning in Oran. A Moslem shopkeeper was seriously injured by terrorists in the Oran suburb.

Officers Killed
It was disclosed today that two French officers were killed yesterday when a rebel unit ambushed a French Army automobile between Timgad and Bou Hamana.

In the Kabyle mountains rebel activity decreased during the last 24 hours.

A French Army unit successfully fought off a rebel ambush in the Azaga region, inflicting losses on the rebels.

In the Algiers-Tizi Ouzou region, a French Army jeep was machine-gunned by rebels.

No casualties were reported in either incident.

In Paris Premier Guy Mollet said tonight that France was prepared to contact "those who are fighting" in Algeria in order to obtain a ceasefire.

After a ceasefire, negotiations would be held with elected Algerian representatives, he said.

He said these representatives "certainly would not all belong to the extremist National Liberation Front."

He said the joint French-British intervention in Egypt undermined the prestige of President Gamal Abdel Nasser by showing that Egyptian troops were not eager to die for him. —France-Press.



British paratroops on the way to Port Said, where they were air-dropped together with French paratroops in advance of the main landing force which occupied the city later. —Central Press Photo.

ISRAELIS LOSE THEIR GAIETY NEXT MOVE AWAITED

Tel-Aviv, Nov. 12.
Israel's jubilation over the Sinai Desert victory has given way almost overnight to apprehension and uncertainty.

TALKATIVE PUPILS GAGGED

Brighton, Colo., Nov. 12.
Miss Esther Bogie, a teacher who admitted taping shut the mouths of three girl students, has resigned.

Miss Bogie, suspended two weeks ago, said earlier that she said she was resigning because she felt she had not maltreated her pupils.

The School Superintendent said that the teacher fastened strips of transparent tape across the girls' lips. Miss Bogie, in admitting it, said that the girls had refused repeated orders to stop talking in class. —China Mail Special.

Perth, Nov. 13.
More than 100 Japanese seamen from four visiting whaling ships are enjoying their last taste of civilization before heading south for the Antarctic.

Dressed in smart European-style business suits, many of the seamen spent yesterday as typical tourists, photographing city scenery. —China Mail Special.

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4 MISSING IN PLANE CRASH

Horta, Azores, Nov. 12.
A US Navy seaplane crashed here yesterday afternoon and four of the crew of nine are still missing. It was announced today.

Five men were saved. The seaplane was one of a squadron of 12 en route to the United States via Fayal and Bermuda. It lost altitude during its take off, crashed into the sea tail first, then burst into flames.

One of the five men rescued was reported seriously injured. —United Press.

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Greece Supplying Arms To Cypriots

New York, Nov. 12.
Britain issued a memorandum to the United Nations today alleging that terrorists in Cyprus have received arms, ammunition and other material aid from Greece.

The "exploratory memorandum" was issued to support Britain's request that the agenda of the new session of the General Assembly, which opened today, should include the item: Support for Greece for terrorism in Cyprus.

It said that, in the hope that several diplomatic moves made by the British Government would lead to a settlement, no action had been taken in the past to bring the matter before the United Nations.

Misinterpreted
"Unfortunately," the memorandum continued, "this restraint has been misinterpreted and Greek interference in the affairs of Cyprus has persisted."

"In addition, the terrorists in Cyprus have received a considerable quantity of material aid from Greece. This has included the supply of arms and ammunition."

The memorandum said that up to November 8 the terrorist organization in Cyprus had "murdered 196 persons, of whom 114 were Cypriots."

It added that the Greek Government did not dispute that Cyprus was British territory, but nevertheless, support from Greece "for terrorism in Cyprus has continued over a considerable period."

The memorandum concludes: "The time has come for the United Nations to consider this external attempt to change the status of Cyprus by force and subversion and the methods used by those in Greece who support terrorism in Cyprus." —Reuter.

Avoid Blame

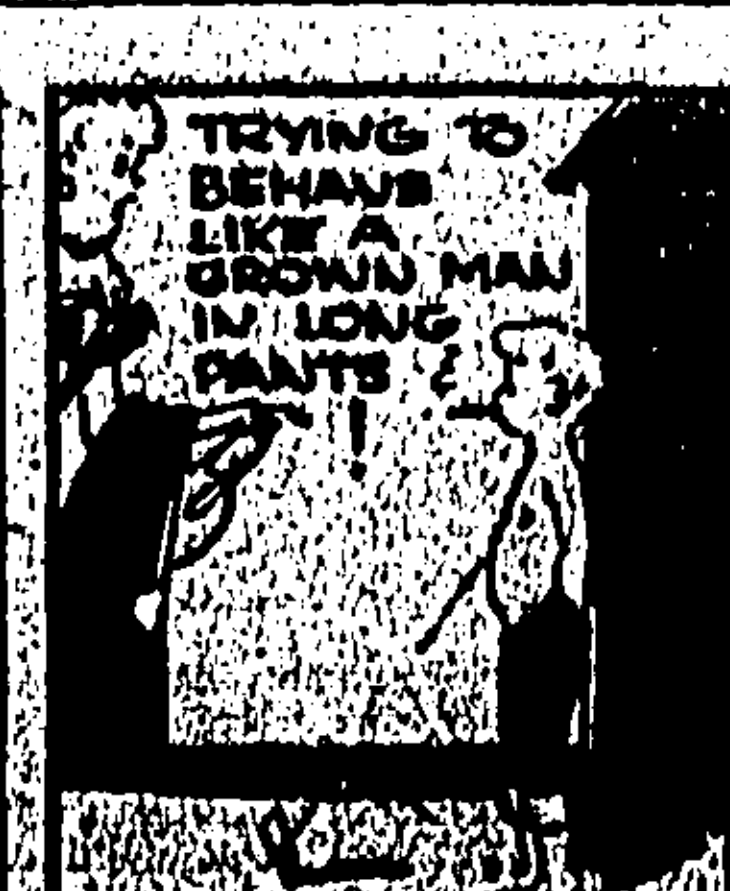
Though the Israeli Government is undoubtedly keeping a sharp eye on her Jordan frontier, there is an absence of any official assertion of "aggressive intent" across the border.

There appears to be a general realization here that any untoward move at this juncture could upset the delicate balance elsewhere, and the Israelis are anxious to avoid any possibility of being blamed for such a happening. —China Mail Special.

Loot Recovered

Nicosia, Nov. 12.
British military police have recovered goods to the value of £10,000 looted by the Egyptians from a damaged warehouse in Port Said, the "Voice of Britain" radio said here today.

The broadcast said the goods were recovered in a swift raid on the homes of suspected looters. —United Press.



British Challenge To Russia

EVACUATE SOVIET TROOPS FROM HUNGARY

New York, Nov. 12. British Foreign Secretary Mr Selwyn Lloyd today challenged the Soviet Union to follow the example of British and France in Egypt by evacuating Soviet troops from Hungary.



SELWYN LLOYD

COLOMBO POWERS AGREE

New Delhi, Nov. 12. The conference of the Colombo Conference in New Delhi today reached "complete agreement on all questions discussed," one of the participants said today.

The Premiers of India, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia met at the Indian Foreign Ministry to study the international situation, especially in reference to recent events in Hungary and the Middle East.

Pakistan also one of the Colombo Powers, declined the invitation to take part in the conference.

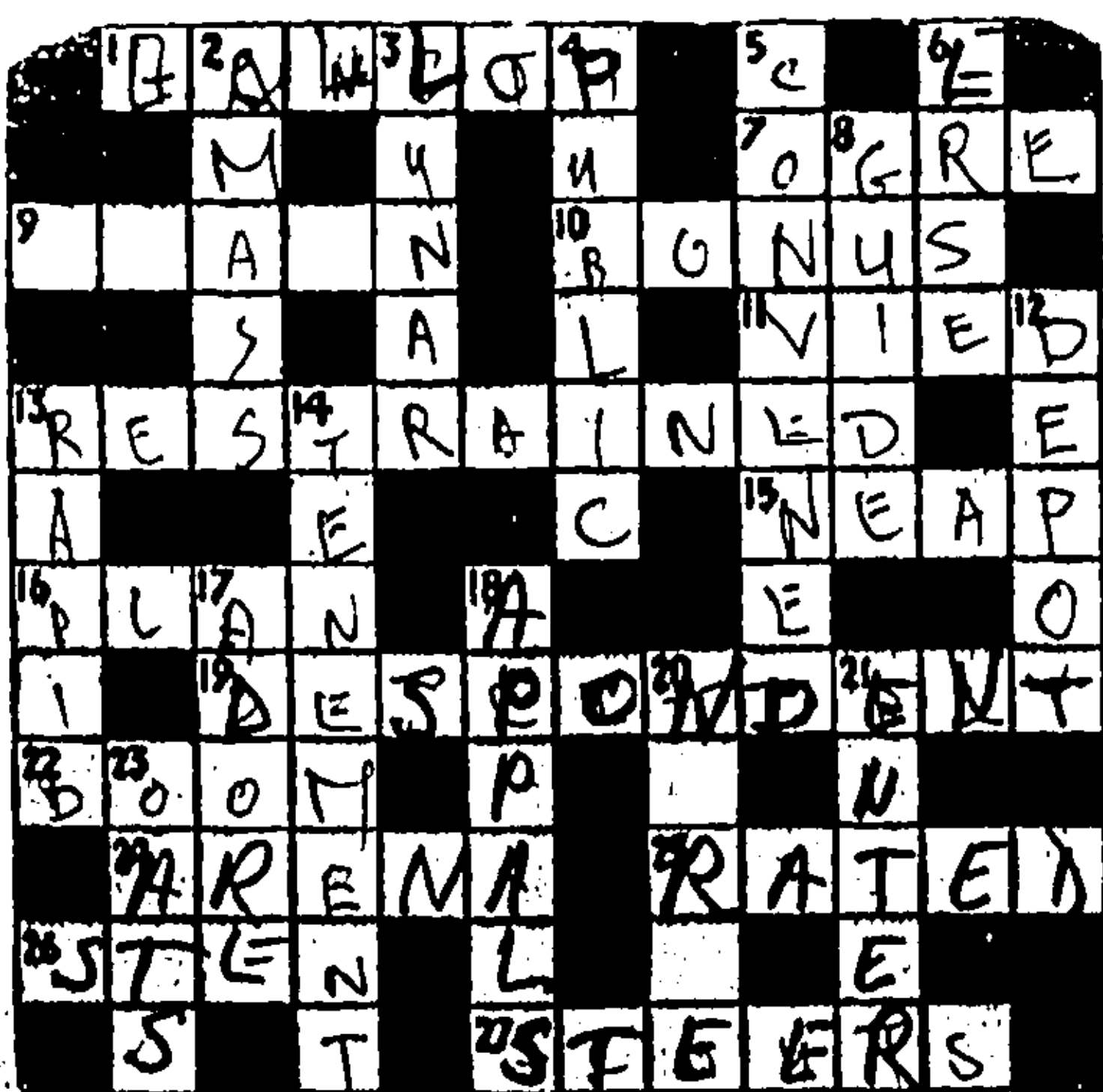
Indian Premier Nehru was assisted at the meeting by several of his Cabinet ministers.

ANOTHER MEETING

Burma's Premier U Ba Swe, Indonesia's Premier Ali Sarwoedjo and Ceylon's Premier Solomon Bandaranaike were accompanied by secretaries-general of their respective foreign ministries.

Today's meeting lasted two and a quarter hours. The Premiers are to hold a second and last meeting tomorrow morning, and the conference is expected to be over by noon. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Horse race (6).
 - 2 Monster (4).
 - 3 Coach in art, perhaps (5).
 - 4 Extra payment (8).
 - 5 Competed with (4).
 - 6 Checked (10).
 - 7 Low, of tides (4).
 - 8 Scheme (4).
 - 9 Downcast (10).
 - 10 Downcast (10).
 - 11 Stadium (5).
 - 12 Assassin (5).
 - 13 Automatic weapon (4).
 - 14 Quizzes (6).

- DOWN
- 1 Accumulate (5).
 - 2 Of the moon (5).
 - 3 Not private (6).
 - 4 Called together (8).
 - 5 Language (4).
 - 6 Girl courier (6).
 - 7 Headquarters (5).
 - 8 Quilts (5).
 - 9 Apartment house (8).
 - 10 Worship (5).
 - 11 Horrific (5).
 - 12 Tend (5).
 - 13 Come in (6).
 - 14 Grain (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Copper, 4 Usual, 7 Awaken, 8 Smile, 10 Lila, 12 Started, 15 Smir, 16 Sero, 17 Never, 18 Ruber, 20 Thomas, 21 Trip, 23 Fully, 24 Tribes, 25 Aids, 26 Paces, Down: 1 Clamnet, 2 Pharoah, 3 Epeo, 4 Governor, 5 Antler, 6 Struck, 7 Struck, 8 Gips, 9 Towels, 10 Damp, 11 Damp, 12 Free.

HUNGARIAN ARMY REFORMS

London, Nov. 12. Mr Ferenc Mucnich, Hungarian Deputy Premier, said today the Hungarian army would be reorganised around a hard core of the "majority of officers and soldiers who have proved their loyalty during these critical days," the Czechoslovak news agency Ceteka reported.

Ceteka said the Mr Mucnich told its correspondents in Budapest today the army will be reorganised on an entirely new basis.

"New principles will be laid down for this organisation by the present government to ensure that the army and security forces defend the true interests of Hungarian workers and peasants. They must also protect the Socialist achievements of the Hungarian people," he said.

Mr Mucnich said "Honourable officers who had come from abroad took the initiative on the very first day of the revolution in Hungary to restore a reactionary regime in the country."

He said that "order and discipline in Budapest, as anyone can see for himself, although in some places groups of reactionaries and criminals may still be holding on." —Reuter.

SOLDIERS' FARMERS CLUB

Wuppertal, Nov. 12. Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, the Royal East Kent Regiment here have formed a young farmers' club to study German farming methods and compare them with those in Britain.

Most of the members come from Kent. Several have attended courses at the Wyre Agricultural College.

British officers say that the local German population is giving the club every assistance. Club members can spend most of their weekends off as guests of German farmers.

The mutual contact had shown that German farmers were just as anxious to learn about British methods. —China Mail Special.

Freedom In Egypt

London, Nov. 12. Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, British Ambassador to Egypt, who arrived here by air tonight, said so far as he knew the British in Egypt still lived in their own houses and were quite free to move about.

But their businesses had been taken over by the Egyptians. Sir Humphrey was among 170 of the 228 members of consular and diplomatic staffs and their families being evacuated from Egypt who arrived home today.

He said the Egyptian civilian population was "completely apathetic and showed no hostility to the British." Many, perhaps, would have liked to show more friendliness, he added. —Reuter.

Chou Visiting Cambodia

Paris, Nov. 12. Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister Chou En-lai will visit the Cambodian capital of Phnompenh on November 22, it was learned in Paris from Phnompenh today.

He is expected to stay about a week as guest of the Cambodian Government. Preparations are being made for a grandiose welcome and for rigid security precautions. —Reuter.

Strained Embassy Party In Moscow KREMLIN CHIEFS MISSING

Moscow, Nov. 12. THE Egyptian Ambassador in Moscow said here today that more than 50,000 volunteers for service in Egypt had come forward in Russia in the past week.

None had as far reached Cairo, Mr Mohammed El Kouny told correspondents at a diplomatic reception.

Russia said in a statement on Saturday that she would not prevent Soviet volunteers going to Egypt. Britain and France, however, were withholding their aid.

Allied Landings In Egypt



Historic scenes of the Allied landings in Egypt's Port Said area. Picture top shows the first French troops landing on an Egyptian beach; picture bottom is a shot by British Movie News cameraman John Davies showing the British paratroop strike on Gamal alfield in the Port Said peninsula. —Express Photo.

SYRIAN ARMY DESTROYED OIL PIPELINE PUMPING STATIONS

London, Nov. 12. Syrian Army units destroyed three pumping stations of the Iraq Petroleum Company after the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt, an official British spokesman said today.

Mr Arthur Dodds-Parker, Foreign Office Under-Secretary, told the House of Commons that the pumping stations were destroyed despite an assurance given to the British Ambassador that life and property would be protected.

Answering questions on the oil situation, Dodds-Parker also reported that the Saudi-Arabian Government had cut off supplies of crude oil to the Bahrain refinery and prohibited the loading of British and French tankers at Arabian ports.

Canal Blockage

Oil supplies also were delayed, he said, because of the blockage of the Suez Canal by Egypt. All tankers have now been diverted around the Cape, he said.

Dodds-Parker, in answer to another question, said that the British delegate at the United Nations had been instructed before the Mid-East debate that if the General Assembly passed a resolution branding Britain, France and Israel as aggressors Britain would withdraw from the UN.

Dodds-Parker added, however, that the British delegate was within his discretion in letting it be known privately that the passage of a resolution condemning Britain as an aggressor "might lead to serious consequences, particularly as the Government considered" their intervention with France as being emergency action necessary to preserve peace and security.

Labour member Arthur Lewis persisted and asked for a categorical assurance that no such instruction had been sent. Lewis referred to a statement by Randolph Churchill, journalist, son of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, that an instruction of that nature had been sent.

No Addition

Despite further Labour queries, Dodds-Parker would not add to his original statement.

When asked what he meant by "serious consequences" if the UN had branded Britain an aggressor, Dodds-Parker said "the matter would have been referred to Her Majesty's Government and they would have decided in the circumstances of the moment."

In answer to other questions, the Government spokesman said that official representations against Britain's intervention in Egypt have been received from Iraq, Jordan, Libya, the Soviet Union, China, Indonesia and Nepal.

Another spokesman answered questions on the safety of British employees of the civilian contractors in the Suez Canal base who were interned by Egypt following the Anglo-French invasion.

Matter Of Urgency

The spokesman said that the protecting power (Switzerland) had indicated that the employees of the Suez contractors have been interned by Egypt. We are pressing for more specific information.

The spokesman said that Britain also was inquiring through the British Embassy in Bern as regards the safety of other British civilians in Egypt. —United Press.

Questions had been forwarded to Cairo, but so far none had yet left for Egypt as far as he knew.

He did not reply to further questions concerning reported delays affecting the United Nations police force contingent now in Italy.

The British produced in the normally jovial atmosphere of Moscow reception by officials in Hungary were rejected, though at the Swedish party, where the only high Soviet official to attend was a member of the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

Mr Mohammed El Kouny was applying to correspondents tonight at the Swedish Embassy in honour of King Gustav Adolf's birthday.

Asked how many Soviet citizens and revolutionaries had applied to the Egyptian Embassy in Moscow as volunteers for Egypt, Mr El Kouny replied: "More than in Indonesia," which reports said 60,000 had come forward to aid Egypt against the Anglo-French forces.

STEEL STRIKE

Buenos Aires, Nov. 12. The leading Argentine steel industry was paralysed today as 15,000 workers started a 24-hour all-out strike.

The strike was called by the Steel Workers Union in protest against the slow pace of the work of arbitration committees studying the demands for wage increases. —AP Wire.

RUSSIA AND NASSER CONDEMNED

New Delhi, Nov. 12. The Indian right-wing Mahasaba (Hindu) Party today called for the rupture of diplomatic relations with the USSR, if Soviet "persecution" in Hungary did not stop immediately.

The party, which is holding a congress in Jodhpur, passed a resolution condemning Soviet treatment of the "freedom-loving Hungarian people."

A further resolution voted by the Congress, upheld for the first time in India the cause of Israel and attacked Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser for recent speeches in which he intimated that he intended to establish the supremacy of Islam from Algeria to Indonesia.

UN DEMONSTRATION

In New York, some 100 pro-Egypt and pro-Hungary demonstrators started parading in front of the UN headquarters today shortly before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly.

The demonstration, sponsored by the American Hungarian Federation and the "International Committee for the Defence of Egypt," was carried out peacefully under the eye of police reinforcements called in for the occasion.

Demonstrators carried banners marked "Egypt for the Egyptians," "Furish the Criminal Aggressor" and "Don't Abandon the Freedom Fighters." —France-Press.

Moroccan Assembly Installed

Rabat, Nov. 12. Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef today solemnly installed Morocco's new 76-member National Consultative Assembly, marking the beginning of a constitutional monarchy in the country.

Speaking before the Assembly, the Sultan said that the creation of the Assembly was one of the most important events to take place since Morocco became independent.

The Sultan said that the Assembly would mean the founding in Morocco of "an authentically national and constructive democracy in conformity with the egalitarian precepts of our holy religion and our national traditions." —France-Press.

INVITATION REJECTED

Singapore, Nov. 12. An old friend of the late Dr Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, said today he had rejected an invitation from the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, to attend Dr Sun's ninetieth anniversary celebrations in Peking.

Mr Chow Hean Swee, 73, who has lived in Singapore for many years, said he had told Mr Chou in a letter: "I am sorry you have chosen the wrong man. Although I am old, I still have the dignity not to sell myself for a place beside Mao Tse-tung (China's head of state)."

Mr Chow told reporters he had received the invitation through the Bank of China in Singapore. —Reuter.

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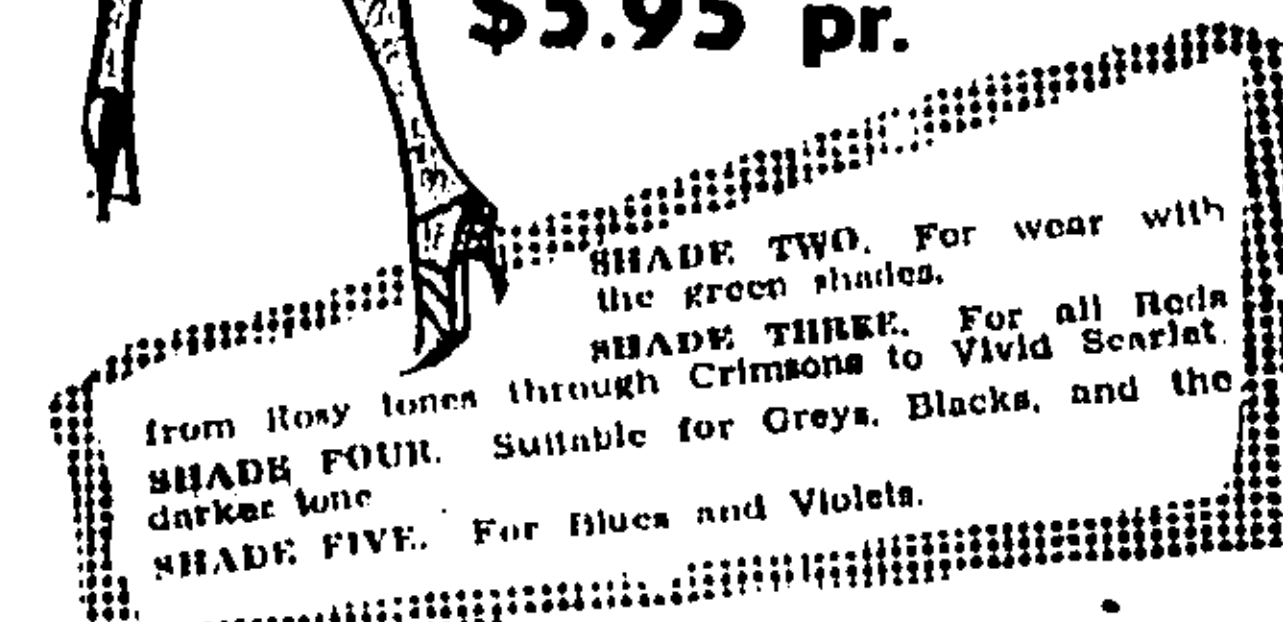
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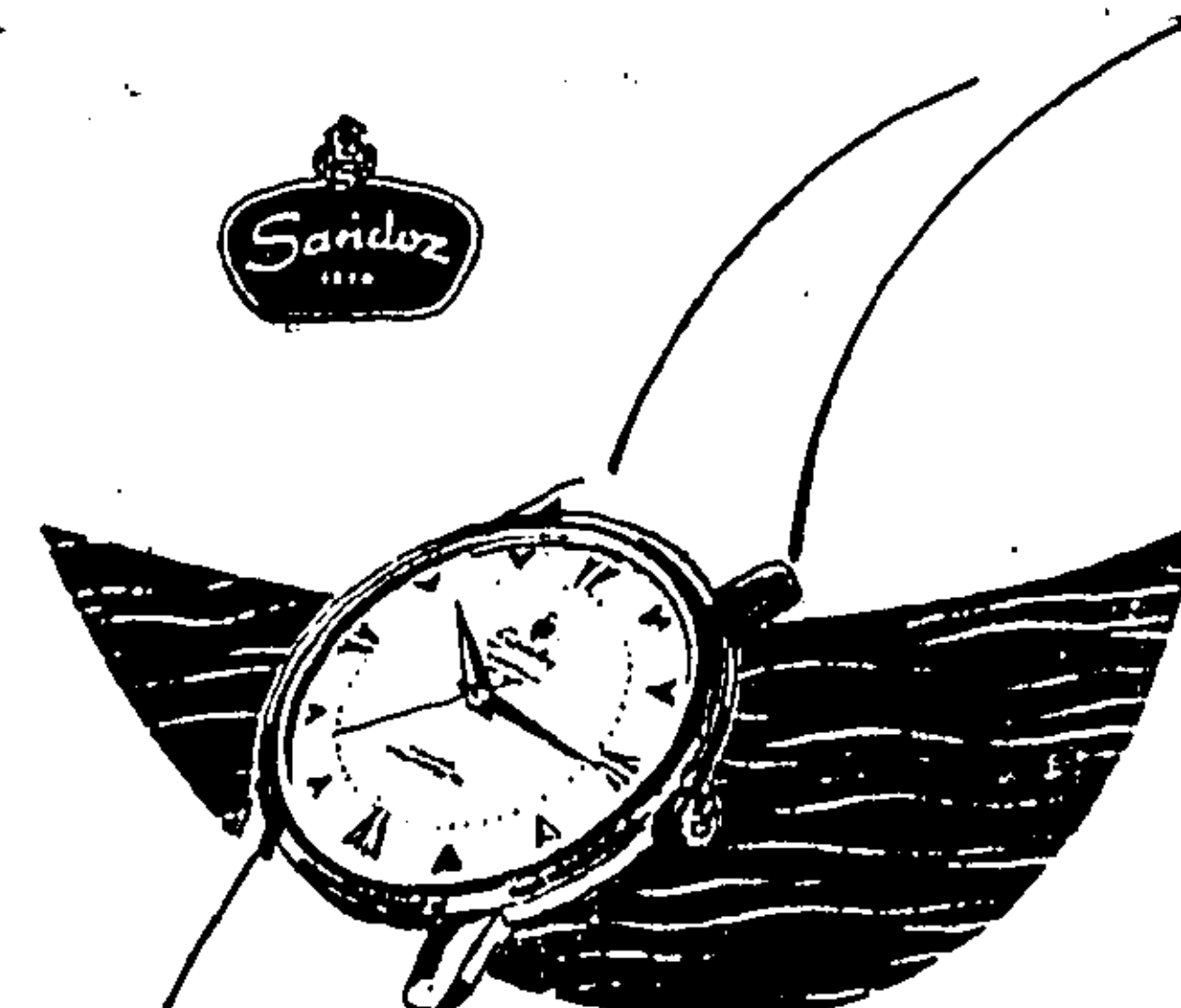


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SHOULD BRITAIN JOIN A WESTERN EUROPE CUSTOMS UNION?

By Sir Beverley Baxter, MP

THERE is an old saying that coming events cast their shadows before them—but it is not always so. Certainly there were few of us, even in the House of Commons, who had any warning that Britain might join a Customs Union of Western Europe.

The first inkling I had was from Sir Robert Boothby, who sits in Parliament for the Scottish (hereditary) constituency of East Aberdeenshire.

I had dropped in at his flat near Sloane Square and found him using a terrifying new type of telephone. It had no earphones and no mouthpiece. Boothby just talked towards it and the voice at the other end came back for all to hear.

Boothby signalled me to sit down and partake of such liquid refreshment as was available, and then addressed the telephone machine with these words: "Pretty soon you will see the Government putting out feelers for a West European Customs Union with Britain joining in."

"Won't that cause a devil of a row?" asked the other

voice as if it were in the room.

"Yes and no," said Boothby. "Max Beaverbrook will kick up a great stink, but you will find that a lot of the old Imperialist 'gang' are having new ideas."

A few moments later the telephone conversation ended and Boothby wandered about the room delivering to me his ideas on this new conception of Conservative policy.

"Britain has always played a dual role," said Boothby. "She is an imperial pioneer but she is also a European power. That has been the source of her greatness and her tragedy. To preserve her Island Kingdom she had to ensure the balance of power in Europe. So in turn she bumped off Napoleon, the Kaiser and Hitler. It had to be done. Otherwise she would have been stripped of her colonial possessions, and we would have enjoyed—I use the word in its technical sense—the lowest standard of living in the Western world."

IRONIC GIFT

Boothby is a brilliant fellow with an ironic gift, which always makes him a big draw when he speaks in the Commons. Unhappily for his own career, he is of such an independent mind that when he does address the House there is equal apprehension on both sides. Probably he caught that spirit of defiance from being Parliamentary Secretary to Winston Churchill in his rebellious 1920s.

But despite Boothby's great experience, I cannot think that the West European Free Trade Union will come into being without a bitter campaign against it in Britain. It is true that there is no Joe Chamberlain to beat the Imperial drum, nor is there a Leo Amery to proclaim the glory of our far-flung Empire. But Chamberlain and Amery have many political descendants, even if the first lit by their spirit is burning low.

Many years ago, our old friend Lord Beaverbrook conceived the policy of "Empire Free Trade" and ran a violent campaign across Britain to try to force its acceptance on Premier Stanley Baldwin and the Tory Party. I was the Editor of the Daily Express at that time, and bombarded Baldwin with all the high and low explosives that we could produce from our armoury of words.

OUR DREAM

EMPIRE Free Trade! A free exchange of commodities and manufactured goods in a world-wide combination of British nations protected by a tariff wall! This was our dream.

It was probably too late. Such a plan could have been accomplished in Joe Chamberlain's day, but the 20th century was developing its own ideas.

Canada—loyal Canada—with her ancient prairies, her expanding economy, and her physical and psychic affinity with America, was no likely to think that her economic future lay in an Imperial

Trading Unit. New York had become the financial Mecca of Canadians, and London was reduced to a distant shrine. It is true that there were Canadians who saw danger in the growing power of the Yankee dollar, but Britain, weakened by the wars, could not finance the leaping development of the Dominion. In my many journeys home to Canada I have seen the falling struggle of British manufacturers to hold their own against the overwhelming pressure of American imports. With the tragedy of the Second War, the weakened sterling economy had to find its markets away from the dollar continent. Meanwhile, the map of Europe was demanding the concentrated interest of the British. Hitler in his maniacal war had brought Russia from a backward giant to immense power.

CARVE-UP

With the defeat of Hitler, the Balkans came under the despotic rule of the hammer and sickle. Austria was truncated and made impotent. Germany was partitioned into East and West. From the soul crushing horror of German occupation, the French nation was rising slowly to a new discipline and determination. The crude carve-up of a defeated Germany had produced a showpiece for the world to see. The Iron Curtain created two Europes—the East and the West.

The British Imperialists said: "Leave Europe to itself. Our eyes should be turned across the seas to the Dominions and the Colonies. That is where our strength lies." But Britain had neither the spirit nor the means to lead the scattered Commonwealth and Colonies into a united future.

I do not know when or where the idea of a West European Customs Union was born. To some extent it had been talked about in the Strasbourg Parliament where, periodically, foreign statesmen gathered for pleasant companionship but no one took it as a practical measure. As far as Britain is concerned, there can be no doubt that Chancellor Harold Macmillan is the chief protagonist of the scheme. In doing so he undoubtedly realised the extent to which the plan would be attacked by the Imperialists, but controversy has surrounded Macmillan throughout his political career. He is a man of high intellectual attainment and possesses what is sometimes called "a sense of the century."

As a soldier in the First War and a Minister in the Second, he saw the rise of Germany from the despair of defeat. LOGICAL STEP

THEREFORE I imagine that after Hitler's defeat, when the stricken continent began to regain something like normal life and vibrated with a new vitality, he said to himself: "Why not harness Western Germany to the Atlantic Powers? Why not extend NATO to trade, and not keep it merely for defence?"

Perhaps he realised the necessity for strong Franco now, removed from the threat of a Kaiser or a Hitler. Then why not make France and Western Germany equal partners in a Free Trade Customs Union? From that to the proposed inclusion of Great Britain was but a logical step. Let the Union of West Europe and Great Britain be welded in peace, and not wait for the driving impact of war. This summer I motored with my family some 1,500 miles beginning at Waterloo, old Boulogne, the driving through those French towns where those French rivers whose names spelled death to a

generation. We stayed by the lovely waters of Lake Garda in Italy; we conquered the Alps in our car, and we slept in Switzerland because there is not much else to do there except count the mountains. Again and again in our travels I had the feeling that we ourselves are Europeans. Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, yes—but far back we were Saxons, Celts or Normans. I was conscious of the unity of West Europe on this visit as if it were a country instead of a continent.

CIVIL WAR

YET three times in living memory Europe has fought a war which by its very essence was a civil war. When Germans, Frenchmen and Britons kill each other it is not war so much as fratricide. And now comes a move that the nations of Western Europe, extending to the United Kingdom, should enter upon an economic alliance which would bring about the free exchange of goods and commodities. The origin of the idea is European, but can Britain in her island isolation declare that she is not of the continent and can therefore only participate in the Union of those English Speaking Nations that pay tribute to the Crown?

It is not an easy question to answer. Hitler once said contemptuously that the British had an Empire held together by moonbeams. But now we are considering a practical trading partnership with nations far remote from the moonbeams of the British connection.

Surely the British colonial territories would profit by such a federation, since the market for raw materials would not only be vast but unhindered by currency difficulties. Presumably there would be a considerable pooling of technical knowledge, which would also be of mutual value. But, above all, there would exist a political unification of Britain, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. Such a unit must, by its very character, build a protective dam against the thrusting tide of Communism.

NO THREAT

NOR need such a trading community be a threat to the United States. America is an art of huge amalgamation, and it is better for giants to trade with giants than with pygmies. I firmly believe that the British Commonwealth and Empire would prosper from such a formation. The rising standard of living would create an ever-expanding demand for the raw materials in which the colonial territories abound. But, above all, it could give to Europe a stability against which no maniacal dictator could inflame his mesmerised people to aggressive war.

I know that my old friend, Max Beaverbrook, will castigate me for these words and that he will charge me with being a renegade. But science has so dwarfed the size of the world that progress, peace and stability can only be sustained by an amalgamation of nations in support of a peaceful world. It is undertaken by a madman and with no possible hope of victory.

With a rising standard of living, even the wheat of Canada's prairies would be in full demand again. Therefore, on that Imperial note, I give support to the idea of a West European Customs Union, believing that under wise leadership it can strengthen the bond of peace, enhance the living standards of the underprivileged, and gradually release the genius of the scientists to the betterment of a peaceful world instead of concentrating on the mass destruction of humanity.



Oh, those melting Spanish eyes (MALE)

SO DISTURBING ... BUT SO EXCELLENT FOR THE MORALE (FEMALE)

THERE is one important difference between the Anglo-Saxon and the Latin male. It has taken me just 24 hours in Madrid to realise what it is—the eyes and the way the Latin uses them.

At dinner the average Englishman will look at a girl with candid blue eyes so that she feels comfortably like his sister or his best pal.

At a tete-a-tete with a Spaniard who will soon be squirming in her chair.

It is the way he looks at you. You don't need to be young or beautiful or eligible to impress the Spaniard. The fact that you are female is enough. After ten minutes' concentration from those melting, brown eyes you start wondering "If your shoulder-strap has slipped, whether you have given him the wrong idea—or, in fact, have misled your vocalion. Disturbing, yes, but excellent for the morale. Another delightful trait about the Spanish male. No woman is too old or too young to arouse his interest.

Watch two young gallants drinking their kerfuffle coffee on the Avenida de Jose Antonio. If an elderly woman passes, they admire a trim ankle and praise what she must have been.

Wonderful Tonic If a gawky schoolgirl adies by, they conjecture on the beauty she will become. For the visiting female Spanish charm is a wonderful tonic. Even the most matter-of-fact, independent wage-earner departs feeling slightly more precious, delicate and in need of protection.

The only thing to avoid is marrying the man. Spanish woeers are fine. But Spanish husbands by our standards, are a flop. Once the ring is on and the toasts are drunk, his wife becomes the symbol of home and motherhood. And the new husband returns to the serious business of flattering every other female in sight.

LUXURY DISH

Always in search of delectable new dishes, I found a mouth-watering savoury pancake in the restaurant started by Hitler's ex-chef, Horcher. The filling is made of mashed, mixed with brandy and seasoning. The pancakes were filled and then cooked in butter, cream and Worcester sauce. A luxury dish at a budget price.

How I would like to bring a delegation of London "cabbies" to Madrid. I feel the Spanish driver could give a much-needed courteous example to his often bad-tempered, off-hand, London counterpart. Not only is his taxi cheap and clean, but his manners are impeccable. He doesn't sulk about a difficult route, and he always says "Thank you" for his tip. And it is nothing to do with the taxi they drive. Many of the Spanish drivers have old-fashioned cabs.



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Mystery Of Nina Switches To Melbourne

Melbourne, Nov. 12. Where's Nina? The London mystery of a few weeks ago, when Russia's champion discus thrower Nina Ponomareva "vanished" after being charged with stealing five hats from a store counter, has switched now to Melbourne.

When a third plane load of 71 Russian athletes and officials landed at Melbourne's airport last night, the question buzzed through the crowd: "Can you see Nina in that lot?"

A Russian official said Nina was not on the plane and would arrive in a few days.

Friday's passenger list showed no one named Ponomareva, though one newspaper suggested Nina—who is married and a mother—might have travelled under her maiden name.

However, the Soviet Olympic attaché, Mr. P. Sobolev, said Nina was not on last night's plane and would probably arrive "within two or three days."

—China Mail Special

Burma's Olympic Team Leave For Melbourne

Rangoon, Nov. 12. The first party of Burma's 11-member Olympic team will leave here tomorrow for Melbourne by air.

The remainder of the team leaves here the next day.

The Burmese team comprises four boxers, one marathon runner, two heavyweight lifters, one yachtsman and three officials.

BULGARIAN TEAM

Karachi, Nov. 12. The Bulgarian Olympic Team left here today for Melbourne after being detained for 21 hours by the local health authorities.

The team left after the World Health Organisation at Geneva had confirmed that their aircraft had been disinfected at Athens. —France-Press.

Art Larsen Found Unconscious After Motor Accident

California, Nov. 12. American tennis star Art Larsen was unconscious and in critical condition here today after sustaining a head injury when a motor scooter he was riding overturned on a super-highway last Saturday night.

Larsen underwent a brain artery operation when the police found him several hours after the crash.

His doctor, M. Corbett, said that Larsen's condition was critical but better than expected, though he was still unconscious early today.

Larsen was American Champion in 1950 and American Clay Court Champion in 1953. —France-Press.

Warming Up Meet For U.S. Athletes?

Melbourne, Nov. 12. The United States track and field team will probably have its first competition in Australia at Bendigo, Victoria—101 miles north of Melbourne—on Saturday.

The team's chief coach, Mr. Jim Kelly, said last night: "I must have one competition for my boys next week-end."

Mr. Kelly worked out yesterday of the Olympic Organising Committee but on organised competition at the Olympic tracks before the Games. —China Mail Special.

WARDROP IN OLYMPIC TRAINING



Evidently feeling in fine fettle are two members of Britain's Olympic swimming team, Jack Wardrop (left) and Ron Roberts, pictured as they have a word with Alf Price, the team manager, at the Derby Bath, Blackpool, where the Olympic team are in training there. Wardrop, triple world record holder from Motherwell, Scotland, was reinstated in the team. He had been dropped after withdrawing from the British team which met Hungary at Blackpool on the grounds that he was not sufficiently trained following his return from the United States. —Reuterphoto.

Golf Hits New Peak— The Season Brimmed With Colour

By BOB FERRIER

Hogan, Snead, Thomson, Beharrell, Wiff Smith, Player, Crampton, Westman, Panton, O'Connor. The echoes of the thundering names shiver off into an autumnal twilight and this, the shank of the year, is as good a time as any to savour the memories of great moments.

The golfing season just gone, brimmed with colour if not with sun—the colour of games and players and occasions.

It was perhaps the most eventful of all golf seasons in Britain, and Harry Weetman and Christy O'Connor started it off by sharing top money at Moor Park.

EMERGED
O'Connor was to have a long summer holiday, yet emerged as Master Golfer by edging out Eric Brown on the Prestwick post, when a last-nine-hole-par would have brought the Scot home.

Weetman always contrived one indifferent round in each tournament, failed to win outright, yet took the Vardon Trophy and stayed top of the Ryder Cup ratings.

But at Moor Park, almost unheralded, Gary Player was third.

Here was another Bobby Locke, come out of the Transvaal to plague and delight us for another decade. The South African champion of the first, stiff-winded action, had the theorist's a-buzz, but underlined his tremendous competitive urge by beating Arthur Lees on his own Sunningdale, and later to finish third in his very first Open Championship.

DOGGED
Guy Wolstenholme became a dogged, rather than brilliant English amateur champion; Eric Lester, a dashing audacious player, broke through for the first time at Barton to take a £1,000 top.

Then came Beharrell, John Beharrell, to win the Amateur Championship at 18. And here again came the Serouges of the sport, to say that he was a "flash-in-the-pan," a lucky champion, that he would not last and this and that and tother.

John Panton, fifth, was the first home player. Cotton, sixth, was incredibly next. Panton picked up from there, took the Match-play title in a breathless final from Westman, won the Gleneagles foursomes to put a final polish on his season.

Cotton led his Joy Cup team to a runaway win over the Continent at Antwerp, and proved himself, at nearly fifty, still a masterly player. Ross led his Trophy men to victory over the Commonwealth at Princes, but Bruce Crampton slaughtered Lester and laid down another overseas omen.

The death of Mrs Mildred Dickenson Zabarlas stopped the wonderful world of sport, if only for an instant.

Young girls like Bridget Jackson and Angela Ward, sharing the English, German and Scandinavian titles, were the catalysts in showing that golf has never had such a future.

As the "afficionados" went off into the dusk replenishing gear and theories and contemplating annual dinners and subscriptions, the Walker and Ryder Cups next year, the world of golf could consider that almost: all was for the best in almost the best of all worlds.

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TOUR OF ENGLAND

Aussies Blame Wet Summer For Fall In Profits

Melbourne, Nov. 12. This year's Australian cricket tour of England will show a profit of only £42,400 sterling compared with £69,000 sterling from the 1955 tour, manager Bill Dowling said here tonight.

Mr Dowling, addressing the Victorian Cricket Association, blamed the wet summer in England for the fall in profits.

He declared that English experiments to remove the feature of post-war "dead" wickets had resulted in the preparation of pitches which would not be accepted in Australia. — China Mail Special.

These matches will be played against Singapore (F.A. C. at Singapore) on December 11, against Malaya at Kuala Lumpur on December 12 and 13, and against Burma at Rangoon on December 14. —France-Press.

WHEN STARS ARE DIMMED ELEPHANTS EVERYWHERE AND NOT A PINK ONE AMONG THE LOT

By HENRY GRIS

Stars Ernest Borgnine and Sophia Loren are going to have trouble dominating the cast of a new movie to be made in Ceylon. The supporting cast consists largely of elephants.

The title role of the \$2,000,000 Hecht-Lancaster movie, "Bandoola," is to be played by an elephant called Bandoola—three of them, in fact.

"Bandoola is the biggest elephant of the lot and the main character of the story has a great effect on its human principals," reported producer Jim Webb, currently comfortably ensconced in Hollywood but getting ready to leave for Colombo.

"We need him in triplicate because when filming begins we won't have time to let the elephant shuttle between the main filming locations. So we'll have three identical Bandoolas at three strategic points and call in the nearest, dependent upon where the shooting will be taking place."

The story of "Bandoola" is basically of a love triangle in elephant country in Burma and is told against the background of the building of a road and bridge by "work elephants."

The time is the invasion of Burma by the Japanese. Borgnine will play the white "elephant man" in the story, whose herd of elephants is employed in construction tasks; Loren is a half-caste girl over whom Borgnine and a new, younger "elephant man" clash.

BURMESE EXTRAS
There was no such story in the original "Bandoola" by L. Col. J. H. Williams which Hecht-Lancaster acquired for filming along with a second book by the same author, "Elephant Bill," Webb related.

The two volumes simply deal with "elephant men" of Burma, mostly engaged in teak logging operations and of whom the author, "Elephant Bill" was one.

Webb visited Ceylon a year ago to keep a rendezvous there with Williams, and together they pinpointed Ceylon locations that, in Williams' view, will double ideally for the Burma terrain of the story.

"We'll be shooting in the mountain country around Kandy, 3,000 feet high," Webb said, "and in the general neighborhood of Colombo itself."

"We'll need a lot of work elephants specially trained for the particular job of bridge-

building, they will be doing in the picture. One scene at least calls for 150 of them. At least one, a baby elephant, will have the comedy relief part and is currently being trained for the role at the Colombo zoo.

was staggering, his face was drawn tightly, a finger was in each ear, and blood ran from his nose.

"OK, Paul," he said. "Let's shoot that scene."

Moore comes from artistic parents who drummed into his youthful mind that honesty is the best policy—and that this applied to acting, too. His father was a leader in the Gaelic revival and has a fine reputation as a prose and poetry writer. His mother was a musician.

Moore has appeared in Hollywood productions, including "Ten Tall Men" and "David and Bathsheba." —United Press.

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Junior Mixed Doubles Section 1: COC "Green" v KCC, YWCA v IHC, Section 2: KCC, Tong v CCC "Yellow", CYMCA v IHC.

Rugby
Summer League: CAA v Eastern (City) 8 p.m.

Meeting
Chinese Football Association meeting at SCAA Stadium, 6 p.m.

Hongkong Football Association Council Meeting at Sports Road, 5.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Rugby
Summer League: Sing Tso v South China (City) 8 p.m.

Racing
Entries close for Fourth Meeting.

Athletics
Cross Country Race, 6 COD, 3 p.m.

Rugby
Mainland v Island (Club) 6.30 p.m.

Badminton
Men's "C" Division Doubles: IRC v Tai Shek, Section 2, KCC v Police Reserve, Tai Hang v Chung Cheong.

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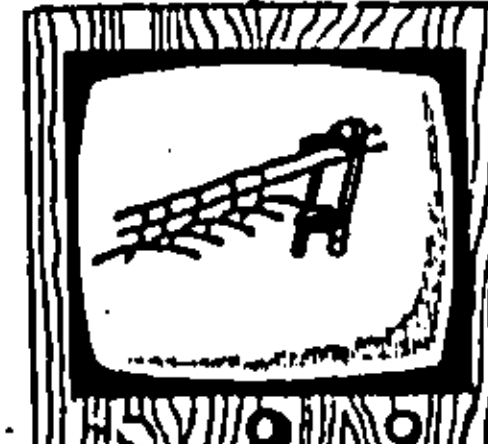
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1 A tyrant
2 Purchase or income?
3 Travel by horse
4 Easy on H.P.?
5 Bravery
6 Old English
7 Nation in Europe
8 Little Thomas
9 Sent to
10 Midland area

Solution on Page 9

Going by air?

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FLY CATHAY PACIFIC

Olympic Soccer Team To Play S'pore, Malaya And Burma

London, Nov. 12. On its way back from Australia, the British Olympic Football team will play three matches in Southeast Asia. It was announced here today.

These matches will be played against Singapore (F.A. C. at Singapore) on December 11, against Malaya at Kuala Lumpur on December 12 and 13, and against Burma at Rangoon on December 14. —France-Press.

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JOHN CLARKES CASEBOOK

Faith In Marriage

A TRAIN from the north-west pulled into Easton and the passengers poured from it. Everyone seemed to have somewhere to go, everyone seemed in a hurry.

Everyone except a young couple for whom Easton was the end of a journey and the beginning of a challenging adventure. They stayed and took their time and savoured their new surroundings.

"Well here we are," said the girl, a 20-year-old, named Jane.

"Here we are," said the young man at her side, who was 20 too and named William.

ENGAGED

THE two had known each other for 18 months. For 12 of those months they had thought of themselves as engaged to be married. Nothing had been said between them and the wedding day except their parents.

The wonder is that either could have thought so highly as the end of the story of being husband and wife.

William, father and mother had separated when he was 12. The mother's second marriage, as was later reported, had not taken a satisfactory course.

There was difference also reported later, between Jane's mother and father.

But the faith of Jane and William in the institution of marriage was unshaken.

The couple left Easton and headed towards the bed-sitting room quarters of the city. They found a room for Jane, and presently another for William. Next morning they began to connect their assault upon London's indifference.

Next morning and the next and the next they looked for jobs. None were forthcoming. Perhaps they were too particular.

FUNDS GONE

BY the end of six weeks they still had not found work, and all their funds had gone. William had an idea. Taking Jane along with him, he called on a building society with whom he had once had some money deposited. No money stood to his credit now but William told to play him a trick, and Jane to help him, that he wanted to borrow to obtain £8.

A few days later he tried the trick again. This time the funds were discovered.

At Bow-street William and Jane both pleaded guilty to obtaining money by false pretences, and William also admitted to obtaining other money by fraud on a Post Office savings book.

HE RESPONSIBLE

THE story was told to Mr. Bertram Reece, "There are no previous convictions," a policeman said.

"I am responsible for all this," said William, a tall, pale, fair-haired young man.

"It seemed so easy," said Jane, a duffel-coated girl in a cherry-coloured sweater. "I realise now how foolish we were."

"We hope to marry when we are 21," William said, "but our parents are against it. This sort of thing won't happen again."

Jane was put on probation. Then the magistrates turned to William, and told him "how serious were the crimes he had committed, how heavy the punishments that could be inflicted."

"However," Mr. Reece went on "through no fault of your own, your background at home was not all that could be desired. You will be discharged conditionally, but you must repay the £13 you have taken. You may have two months in which to pay."

"Thank you, sir," William said, and followed Jane out. They were together still, said the manner of their going. Everything else, the worry and misery and shame, was incidental. Marriage still lay ahead, and marriage would solve everything.

Journalist Safe

Stockholm, Nov. 12. The young Swedish journalist, Rolf Ullmann, reported missing in Hungary earlier today, has turned up safe and sound at the Swedish Legation in Budapest. The Swedish Foreign Ministry stated tonight. —France-Press.

Text Of Hungary's Rejection Note To United Nations

United Nations, Nov. 12.

The following is the text of the letter from Hungary's acting Minister for Foreign Affairs Istvan Sebes to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, in which the Hungarian government rejects the United Nations resolution calling for UN observers to be admitted to Hungary to study the current situation there:

"In connection with the notification of the Secretary-General of the United Nations concerning the resolution of the General Assembly accepted on November 4 and 10, 1956, the Hungarian Government of the Hungarian People's Republic deems it necessary to state the following:

"In the past week, mass demonstrations took place in Hungary. The democratic and patriotic demands of which the revolutionary workers and peasants' Government has accepted as its own. From the beginning the participants in these demonstrations included organised Fascist elements, and later ordinary criminals also who escaped from prison. These persons meanwhile gradually took the lead and carried off and murdered hundreds of progressive-minded people and members of their families.

"In this situation the first task was the restoration of law and order, the prevention of the danger of Fascism, which had taken Hungary by surprise. It was necessary to carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the United Nations.

"The assessment of damage is now proceeding. After final estimates of its needs the Hungarian Government will inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Meanwhile, the Hungarian Government gratefully accepts all food, clothing and medicine for Hungarian families who face a difficult winter. Accept, sir, the assurance of my highest consideration."

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"Accordingly, the Hungarian Government and the Soviet Government have exclusively competent to carry on negotiations concerning the withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Hungary, which troops were here only for the purpose of restoring law and order and do not take any measures against the population which are contrary to international law and the principles of humanity.

"In view of the fact that Soviet troops are in Hungary at the request of the Hungarian Government, the Hungarian Government is decidedly of the opinion that the sending of representatives is not warranted.

Suicide Commandos
Tel Aviv, Nov. 12. Several Egyptian suicide commandos, some of them disguised as women, have been arrested by Israeli police in the Gaza area since Israel captured Gaza this month, authoritative quarters said today.

These arrested led police to uncover a stock of 60,000 Italian-made rifles in the area, these quarters said. —France-Press.

Train Turned Back
Suez Canal Zone, Nov. 12. An Egyptian hospital train heading for Port Said from Cairo was turned back by British troops when it reached their advance positions along the Suez Canal.

The reason was that the wounded Egyptian Army men it was coming to collect from Port Said hospitals were at present unfit to travel and required further treatment. —Reuters.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Yes, I'll behave like a little gentleman—I won't even try to have a good time!"

Salvaging Canal Wreckage Is A Tough Job

Port Said, Nov. 11. (Delayed).

An Egyptian hospital train sent in by the Red Crescent — Arab equivalent of the Red Cross — left Port Said this afternoon with 135 wounded prisoners of war held in a hospital here.

The train had been allowed across the ceasefire line yesterday and British officers, told that most prisoners of war would prefer to remain in the Port Said area because their families were here, had proposed to bring in diplomatic representatives of neutral nations to assist those who wanted to return.

But British officers in charge of the hospital said they found such a plan unnecessary — the 155 wounded readily volunteered for the trip to Cairo.

Meanwhile British and French salvage experts working to clear the Suez Canal entrance said the job would take several months but the Canal is not "hopelessly blocked."

TWENTY WRECKS
Twenty wrecks have now been located at the Canal entrance between Central Mole and Abbas Hilmi Basin.

Thirteen are visible above water and seven completely submerged.

Royal Navy Commander J. R. L. Moore, who is in charge of the salvage operations, said the main barrier consists of eight ships ranged in horseshoe shape across the Canal.

"But it's a pretty unskilful job," Moore said. "They used much too much explosive on the first ships, then had no explosives left when they got to the tug so they just opened up the seacocks and left."

Moore estimated there were probably eight or nine obstructions further down the Canal including one old American Tank Landing Ship (LST) which had been sunk.

MIGHT GET THROUGH
He said small vessels probably could get through the Canal now by doing some adroit twisting and turning.

Just what will happen to the Canal salvage operation when the United Nations task force arrives was highly uncertain.

Officers here said they heard reports of contracts being let to private companies for salvage.

Macao Explosion
Macao, Nov. 12. An explosion occurred at 9.50 p.m. today at No. 10 Rua do Campo, the premises of the Yoo Wo Contractors.

No one was injured in the explosion which occurred in the show window of the construction company. It was caused, apparently by a time bomb of medium size.

The sliding iron gate and adjacent wall of the premises were damaged.

The premises belong to Mr. Chui Tok-kee, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Macao. —France-Press.

**ONLY ONE
AIRMAN LOST**
London, Nov. 13. The British Air Ministry announced today that the Royal Air Force lost only one man in the Anglo-French operations in Egypt. The loss was an officer reported missing and presumed to have been killed. Another officer was wounded. —France-Press.

COURT REJECTS 3 APPEALS

Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Appeal Court this morning rejected three appeals from the Magistrates for lighter sentences.

One appellant, Au Ki, alias Au Leung, told the Court he was dreadfully scared of corporal punishment. He faintest the last time he was cased, Au said.

Au was sentenced to two years and six strokes in September for snatching a wrist watch from a woman, and another two months for not reporting while under Police supervision. He had five similar previous convictions.

Denying that he snatched the watch, Au claimed that his whole family was arrested so that he could confess to the crime.

He promised not to indulge in snatching any more and to look for a job after prison.

FAMILY'S REQUEST

Lau Tung-sun, who was given a total of nine months on three charges of burglary and theft of clothing and money, plus a fine of \$300 or another two months for breach of a recognisance, told Mr Justice Reece that he had been asked by his family to return to his native village.

Lau asked the Court to reduce his term because his wife was pregnant, and needed money.

In dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Reece told him that he was very lucky not to have had a longer sentence. The Appeal Court would have increased his sentence but for the fact that his 11 previous convictions were not for serious offences.

Sentenced to ten months for possession of heroin Wu Man-chung also asked the offence although he appealed only against sentence.

He said that he had to remit money to his mother in Shanghai every month.

Asked where he obtained that money from, the appellant said he used to work in the Hong-kong Textile Mills.

Mr Justice Reece pointed out that he had six similar previous convictions, the last being in June and he was very lucky in his sentence.

**Nehru To See
Eisenhower**
Washington, Nov. 12. Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru is expected to be here sometime next month for top-level conferences with President Eisenhower, informed sources said tonight.

Nehru's visit was expected to be the subject of a meeting scheduled tomorrow between the President and Indian Ambassador G. L. Mehra at the White House.

No firm date for the conference has been set yet, these sources said, but final details of the visit should be ironed out shortly.

The Indian Premier was first invited to Washington earlier this year. However, President Eisenhower's ill health prevented his scheduled trip from materialising.

It was decided at the time when the two statesmen would have sufficient leisure to discuss some of the problems plaguing Indian-American relations.

After the President's recovery, Mr Eisenhower sent an urgent message to Nehru asking him to name a date when he wished to come here.

It was presumed that the US elections held further planning for Nehru's trip in abeyance.

The meeting between the two leaders took on added importance in the light of current crises in the Middle East and in Hungary. —United Press.

**Macao's District
Officer Returning**
Macao, Nov. 13. Mr A. M. E. Rodrigues de Silva, Macao's District Officer, and Mrs. da Silva are due to arrive in Hongkong by air from Lisbon today enroute to this Colony.

Mr. da Silva left Macao two years ago to attend classes on higher civil administration in Lisbon. —France-Press.

38,000 HK-Made Steel Helmets For The Lebanon

The Hongkong government has approved the sale of 38,000 locally made steel helmets to The Lebanon, the China Mail learned today.

A similar shipment to Egypt was turned down, however. The steel helmets and plastic liners were manufactured in Hongkong by the Diaward Steel Works, to American army specifications.

The Lebanon order was approved here and in London. But earlier Egypt had tried to buy 50,000 steel helmets and the Department of Commerce and Industry referred the matter back to the Colonial Office. The word came back that the shipment must be refused.

According to informed sources, Britain at the time considered Egypt and the Lebanon as two distinct

areas—and would not permit the shipment of military equipment to Egypt. There is nothing illegal about the deal with The Lebanon. It does not violate any trade embargo imposed either by the United Nations or the United States.

The Diaward Steel Works has been making military equipment for 20 years. The Company received inquiries from Middle East countries sometime ago and it asked the Hongkong government as to which countries it could sell equipment.

The Lebanese deal was conducted through a firm in Beirut which has contracted the Diaward Steel Works to supply equipment to the Lebanese government.

The Diaward Steel Company supplied equipment to all countries in the world during the Korean war.

"Great Prosperity" In Japan

There was "great prosperity" in Japan and the people were working "very hard," said a British Conservative MP this morning when he returned from a week's visit to Japan.

Colonel M. Stoddart-Scott, who is leading the British Parliamentary delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference in Bangkok, said on his arrival by P.A.A. from Tokyo that he thought the Japanese were very busy with their domestic affairs.

There was, he continued, considerable concern in Japan over what was happening in Hungary, more so than what was happening in the Middle East, although Japan was a frequent user of the Suez Canal.

Asked why this was so, Col. Stoddart-Scott said that it was because they saw "a race being murdered." The Japanese, he continued, were very moved over what was happening there.

Concerning recent events in the Suez Canal, Col. Stoddart-Scott said that while in Japan he noticed no hostility towards Britain and France for their actions in the Middle East.

Later in the morning Col. Stoddart-Scott and his wife left for Bangkok by P.A.A.

Exchange Rates

H.K.T.
11.6, The News; 130, Programme Summary; 11.6, Children's Bureau.

"The Racing Shadow" and "Bobby Brewster" (Tummy Writer and Jack) by H.E. Todd; 9.5, Stock Market Report; 6, International Half Hour; Music from Germany; 6.30, Hearing presented by Alex. Rogers; 6.50, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and The News; 7.15, News; 7.30, Patterns of Progress. A new series of programmes on the news and pressure of the Age and the International Responses to them. Prepared by the United Nations.

Radio, No. 2: "The Future"; 6, Desert Island Discs; Chosen by Sir Malcolm Sargent; 6.30, "The Music Makers"; 6.45, "The Music Makers"; 6.50, "The Music Makers"; 7, "The Music Makers"; 7.15, "The Music Makers"; 7.30, "The Music Makers"; 7.45, "The Music Makers"; 8, "The Music Makers"; 8.15, "The Music Makers"; 8.30, "The Music Makers"; 8.45, "The Music Makers"; 9, "The Music Makers"; 9.15, "The Music Makers"; 9.30, "The Music Makers"; 9.45, "The Music Makers"; 10, "The Music Makers"; 10.15, "The Music Makers"; 10.30, "The Music Makers"; 10.45, "The Music Makers"; 11, "The Music Makers"; 11.15, "The Music Makers"; 11.30, "The Music Makers"; 11.45, "The Music Makers"; 12, "The Music Makers"; 12.15, "The Music Makers"; 12.30, "The Music Makers"; 12.45, "The Music Makers"; 1, "The Music Makers"; 1.15, "The Music Makers"; 1.30, "The Music Makers"; 1.45, "The Music Makers"; 2, "The Music Makers"; 2.15, "The Music Makers"; 2.30, "The Music Makers"; 2.45, "The Music Makers"; 3, "The Music Makers"; 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